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Title : Need to address the grievances of Executives of Burn Standard Company Limited (Refractory Division) at Salem, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI A.V. BELLARMIN (NAGERCOIL): Burn Standrad Company Limited is one of the Eight Subsidiaries of the Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Limited. The Burn Standard Company Limited is having three divisions, two of which are Engineering divisions in the state of West Bengal and the other one is the Refractory Division at Salem in Tamil Nadu. The Refractory Division at Salem is consistently making profits whereas the other two are making recurring losses. However, due to single Balance sheet for all the three divisions projecting loss, the company was declared sick and referred to BIFR in the year 1994. But the chart given below shows that the Refractory Division of BSCL Salem is making profits for the past so many years whereas the man power of the unit is going drastically depleted to 466 in 2005.

Since the company was referred to the BIFR in 1994, the officers of the Refractory Division of Salem were denied the benefits compared to their counterparts in other PSUs 1992 pay scale revision was given to them after much persuation but w.e.f. 1.1.2000. Arrears were not paid.

1997 pay scale revision is to be made applicable to them whereas it is made available to other workers despite the company remains in BIFR. It is regretfully represented the Executives whose counterparts in similar CPSUs in the country are enjoying the benefits of 1992, 1997 and even 2002 wage revisions, these executives are deprived lot, not even availing the benefits of arrears arising out of 1992 wage revision despite the fact the company they are working is earning profits consistently and workers of the company are enjoying the fruits of both the wage revisions.

I request the Government to look into the matter.